

# Agriculture in Brief

## Regional Districts of Strathcona and Mount Waddington

2016



### Jurisdictional Makeup

NOTE: On February 15, 2008, the Comox-Strathcona Regional District (CSR) was replaced by the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) and the Strathcona Regional District (SRD). In addition, in Census 2011 due to the small number of farms in the nearby Regional District of Mount Waddington (RDMW), the Census of Agriculture data from the RDMW was amalgamated with the SRD.

		Member Municipalities & Regional District Electoral Areas: Campbell River, Sayward, Tahsis, Zeballos & Strathcona A-D		Member Municipalities & Regional District Electoral Areas: Alert Bay, Port Alice, Port Hardy, Port McNeill & Mount Waddington A-D	
		Strathcona	Mount Waddington	Strathcona	Mount Waddington
Population (2016) <sup>1</sup>	#		44,671		11,035
Jurisdictional Land Area <sup>2</sup>	ha		1,827,806		2,024,427
Agricultural Land Reserve (2017) <sup>3</sup>	ha		19,126		2,027
Population Increase (2011-2016) <sup>4</sup>	#		1,419		-471

Census of Agriculture Data	SRD/RDMW	2011
Total Farmland Area <sup>5</sup>	ha	3,003
Number of Farms	#	98
Average Farm Size	ha	30.6
Total Farm Operators	#	150
Total Farm Capital		\$82,982,819
Total Gross Farm Receipts		\$4,344,725
Total Number of Employees	#	94
<b>Farmland Use</b>	ha	3,003
Crops <sup>6</sup>	ha	527
Summerfallow	ha	x
Tame or Seeded Pasture	ha	110
Natural Land for Pasture	ha	589
All Other Land <sup>7</sup>	ha	1,604

Crop Area		
Hay Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	250
Field Crops <sup>8</sup>	ha	x
Fruits, Berries & Nuts	ha	85
Vegetables	ha	19
Nursery Products	ha	6
Sod Grown for Sale	ha	0
Greenhouse Flower Production	m <sup>2</sup>	936
Greenhouse Vegetable Production	m <sup>2</sup>	x
Other Greenhouse Production	m <sup>2</sup>	x
Mushrooms	m <sup>2</sup>	0
Christmas Trees	ha	25

Area Irrigated	ha	69
<b>Farms Reporting Organic Products for Sale<sup>9</sup></b>	#	4
Farms Reporting Certified Products	#	3
Farms Reporting in Transition Products	#	1
<b>Farms With Written Succession Plans<sup>9</sup></b>	#	na
Family Members as Successors	#	na
Non-family Members as Successors	#	na

Strathcona		Mount Waddington	
2016	Share of B.C. 2016	2016	Share of B.C. 2016
2,314	0.1%	x	na
79	0.5%	8	0.0%
29.3	na	na	na
125	0.5%	15	0.1%
\$88,712,347	0.2%	\$4,610,929	0.0%
\$4,793,820	0.1%	\$71,287	0.0%
157	0.4%	0	0.0%
2,314	0.1%	x	na
416	0.1%	3	0.0%
2	0.0%	0	0.0%
85	0.0%	x	na
218	0.0%	x	na
1,592	0.4%	26	0.0%
161	0.0%	0	0.0%
x	0.0%	0	0.0%
81	0.3%	x	na
19	0.3%	x	na
7	0.2%	x	na
0	0.0%	0	0.0%
467	0.0%	x	na
x	na	x	na
x	na	0	0.0%
x	na	0	0.0%
14	0.7%	x	na
69	0.1%	0	0.0%
4	0.7%	0	0.0%
2	0.4%	0	0.0%
2	1.8%	0	0.0%
6	0.5%	1	0.1%
5	0.5%	1	0.1%
1	1.2%	0	0.0%

Census of Agriculture Data (continued)	SRD/RDMW 2011	
	Farms	Number
<b>Animals on Farms</b>		
Hens & Chickens	52	3,137
Turkeys	5	x
Total Other Poultry	15	303
Cattle & Calves	15	232
Dairy Cows	3	x
Beef Cows	8	x
Pigs	9	70
Sheep & Lambs	14	171
Horses & Ponies	24	111
Goats	6	29
Mink	0	0
Bison	0	0
Deer	1	x
Llamas & Alpacas	3	31
Rabbits	3	32
Colonies of Bees for Honey	10	251

Strathcona				Mount Waddington			
2016		Share of B.C. 2016		2016		Share of B.C. 2016	
Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number	Farms	Number
43	1,971	0.9%	0.0%	4	177	0.1%	0.0%
5	x	0.9%	na	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
12	126	1.0%	0.0%	3	x	0.3%	na
12	x	0.2%	na	2	x	0.0%	na
3	4	0.4%	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
4	x	0.1%	na	1	x	0.0%	na
9	36	1.0%	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
12	149	0.7%	0.3%	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
12	x	0.3%	na	2	x	0.0%	na
8	x	0.8%	na	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
2	x	0.4%	na	1	x	0.2%	na
3	21	0.8%	0.4%	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
6	51	0.6%	0.1%	1	x	0.1%	na

	#	Strathcona		Mount Waddington	
		Farms	Share of B.C. 2016	Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
<b>Farms Selling Direct to Consumers<sup>9</sup></b>		<b>46</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
Farms Reporting Sales of Unprocessed Agricultural Products	#	46	0.8%	5	0.1%
Farms Reporting Sales of Value-added Products	#	4	0.7%	1	0.2%
Farms Reporting Using Farm Gate, Stands, Kiosks, U-pick	#	42	0.8%	3	0.1%
Farms Reporting Using Farmers' Markets	#	15	1.2%	3	0.2%
Farms Reporting Using Community Supported Agriculture	#	4	1.6%	0	0.0%
Farms Reporting Using Other Methods	#	2	0.8%	1	0.4%

#### Farms Reporting Technologies Used on Farms

	#	Strathcona	Mount Waddington
		Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
Computers/Laptops for Farm Management	#	48	0.5%
Smartphones/Tablets for Farm Management	#	26	0.4%
Automated Steering (Auto-steer)	#	1	0.2%
GPS Technology	#	5	0.5%
GIS Mapping (e.g., Soil Mapping)	#	3	0.9%
Greenhouse Automation	#	3	0.9%
Robotic Milking	#	0	0.0%
Automated Environmental Controls for Animal Housing	#	1	0.2%
Automated Animal Feeding	#	2	0.3%
Other Technology	#	1	0.7%

	#	Strathcona	Mount Waddington
		Farms	Share of B.C. 2016
<b>Farms Reporting Renewable Energy Systems Produced For Use on</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
Farms Reporting Solar Panels	#	4	0.7%
Farms Reporting Wind Turbines	#	0	0.0%
Farms Reporting Anaerobic Biodigester (Biogas or Methane)	#	0	0.0%
Farms Reporting Biodiesel Production Systems	#	0	0.0%
Farms Reporting Hydro Electric Power Generator	#	0	0.0%
Farms Reporting Other Renewable Energy Producing Systems	#	0	0.0%

Source: Statistics Canada and Adapted from Statistics Canada. Census of Agriculture, 2006, 2011, 2016, unless otherwise specified.  
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#### End Notes

- 1 Source: Statistics Canada. Census of Population.
- 2 Source: Statistics Canada, Geosuite: <http://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2016/geo/index-eng.cfm>
- 3 Source: Adapted from Agricultural Land Commission. Agricultural Land Reserve as of January 1, 2008 (for 2006) & April 1, 2012 (for 2011) & April 2017 (for 2016).
- 4 Source: Adapted from Statistics Canada. Censuses of Population.
- 5 Total farmland area includes both workable and non-workable land on farm operations in B.C.
- 6 Crops include hay crops, field crops, field vegetables, fruits and nuts, sod and nursery products.
- 7 Other farmland area includes: woodland, wetlands, Christmas tree land, land on which farm buildings, barnyards, lanes, home gardens, greenhouses and mushroom houses are located, and houses are located, and idle land.
- 8 Does not include those crop areas suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act.
- 9 The "number of farms reporting" may not equal the sum of the parts because farms reporting more than one category (or activity) are only counted once.

#### Notes

- Totals may not add up due to rounding  
x - indicates farms reporting but information suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act  
na - indicates data is not available or applicable